Kharif 2007 to some extent. However, data on decline in the quantity of production of paddy due to same are not available.

(c) and (d) Increase in demand of rice (paddy), if any, is likely to be met by the Rabi paddy 2007-08. Further, the Government has launched National Food Security Mission (NFSM) from 2007-08 to increase production of rice.

Recovery of production cost of coarse grains

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SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only 57 per cent of the production cost is being recovered from the production of coarse grains in the country;

(b) if not, the fact in this regard alongwith the total area of land on which this coarse grain is produced in the country; and

(c) the estimated size of average holding of the said area of land?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) Farmers growing coarse grains are getting assured return in the form of Minimum Support Price (MSP) as recommended by Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) and as announced by the Government. The cost of production (COP) and the MSP of the coarse grains *viz.* jowar, bajra and maize for the year 2007-08 is given below:

(in rupees per quintal)

Crop	COP	MSP	% of MSP to COP
Bajra	443.96	600.00	135.15
Maize	448.73	620.00	138.17
Jowar	546.37	620.00	113.48

(b) The area under coarse grains during the last four years is as under:

(in million hectares)

Year	Area under coarse grains
2003-04	30.80
2004-05	29.03
2005-06	29.04
2006-07	28.44

(c) Coarse grain-wise data on size of average holding are not compiled.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.